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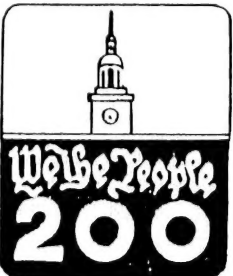


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Amateur Radio License Examinations - Every meeting night at 6:30 PM.

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W3RQZ - 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA - Trustee W3VVS
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Phil-Mont Net Schedule

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thu	Fri	Sat
09:30 147.030 MHz FM		20:00 147.030 MHz FM	20:00 147.030 MHz FM			
10:00 28.400 MHz SSB		Personalized CW	Triple B-S			
10:20 3.993 MHz SSB		Practice Net	Swap Net			
		(as available)	(closed for the summer)			

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from the rear seat - - -

Starting last month your BLURB Staff has been working toward a better than average BLURB for September, the month set aside for the "We, The People" celebration. That doesn't mean that this particular issue will be dedicated to that end, just the main theme. We're looking for some input from the membership so that EVERYONE will have made some contribution to this special issue. SOoooo, let's hear from ya, gang, and please, don't feel hurt if we get so many articles that we may have to turn down a few at the time, we'll just put them in our October issue. No, we're not shooting for any special prize or some special recognition from ARNS(more on that in a subsequent "from the rear seat").

73, w3ost.

CORE STATES CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIP W3SRU

Phil-Mont provided communications for this event on June 14th., marking our third year of participation. A number of medical and police related incidents on the course were handled, making our presence worthwhile.

This is a large event with many things occurring at the same time along a lengthy course. All of those who participated are to be congratulated for the manner in which communications were conducted. Many favorable comments have been received concerning this.

The LBARA repeater, 145.25, located at 16th. and the Parkway, was used and performed well, providing good coverage for mobiles on the course and HTs on the Parkway.

Special thanks to KA3HWD for the use of the repeater, N3EAY for taking MO-COM down to the Parkway, and the non-members who participated, without whose help the event could not have been adequately handled.

Those operating were: W3s LKI, SRU; K3PHC; N3s ALW, EAY, ELS; W3BBLR; KA3s AMO, BET, LUD, MHO, RKQ; KB3s CT, JW, QE and KF4LM.

The Championship is now scheduled to be held in Philadelphia through 1990. With approximately 100 racers from 13 countries participating, the "Manayunk Wall" will become famous world wide! We can be proud that Phil-Mont has been requested, and has provided, Public Service communications for this event.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

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BUSINESS: 212-714-8732
OCCUPATION: Computer System Consulting

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OCCUPATION: Office Worker

SECOND ANNUAL PHILMONT PHAMILY PICNIC

SUNDAY AUGUST 16
QTH KA3BET/N3EBE

Eats - Nets - Games - Words

Happy Birthdays via Don Ameche (Bell) not the U.S. Postal Service

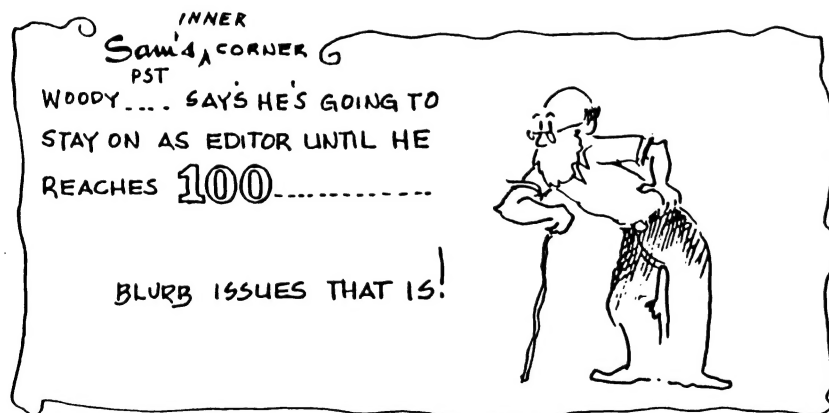
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| 2 - Tom Bohlander, WA3KLR | 14 - Pat Mascanti, (XYL-WB3CMM) |
| 4 - Geo W K King, W3PXY | 15 - Mark Ackerman, WA3AUN |
| 5 - Ruth Anderson (XYL-WA2RDC) | 16 - Pat Gillespie (XYL-KB3JW) |
| Rolland F Madara, W3PWG | 17 - Grace Burkett (XYL-W3HQJ) |
| Kitty Trout, KA3BDU (XYL-W3IGW) | Jacob S Kovalchek, Jr, AK2I |
| 7 - Michael J Errigo, WB3EQW | 22 - John M Miroff, W3SAI |
| 8 - Joseph J Johnston, K3VXJ | 25 - Frank T Whitten, K3TEF |
| 11 - Dot McQueen (XYL-W3PCX) | 27 - Ursula Garvin (XYL-W3GRY) |
| 12 - Peggy Balch (XYL-W3KG) | Doris Hamilton, N3DQG |
| Roy P Kenworthy, W3HNP | 28 - Gordon Lusky, W3APD |
| | 30 - Paul H Bohlander, W3VVS |

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By now, you should know that George, better known, or is it a.k.a. "Pixie" is undergoing some tests to find out what knocked him for a loop near the end of Paddle-Rama. Initially, he was taken to Doylestown Hospital, but, also, initially, they couldn't find the problem. He has since been discharged from there. Save your phone calls, but surely a note of encouragement is in order.



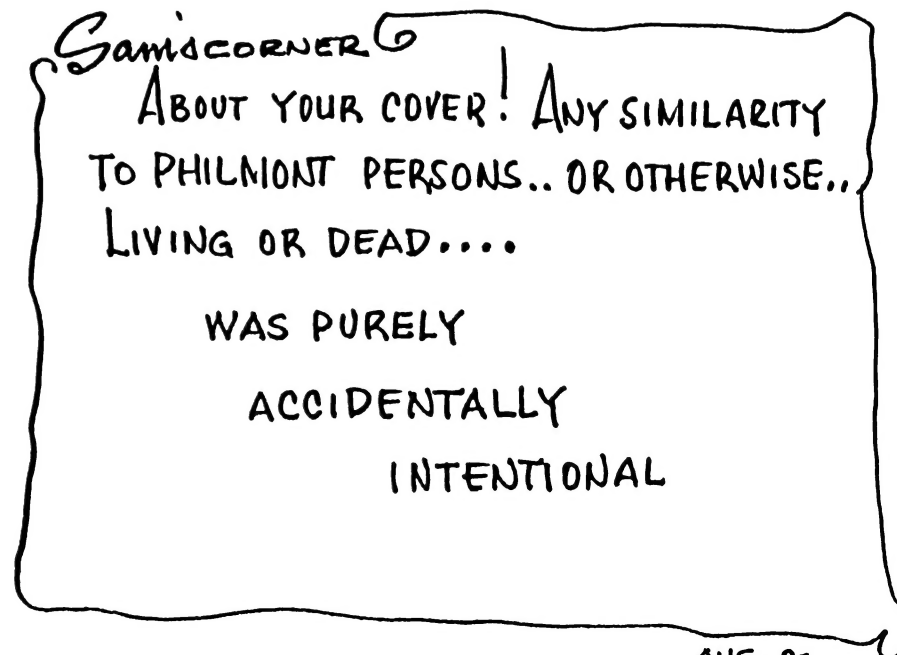
THANK YOU!

The following is a letter received from David Harris Lipow.

Dear Mr. Reichert:

I had the privilege to take a Novice Examination professionally and cordially administered by KB3JW, Mr. Gillespie; AK2I, Mr. Kovalchek; W3LKI, Mr. Roeshman and WA3TPH, Mr. Carbonero. Thank you for letting me participate in this examination and permitting me to attend your meeting.

If your club members are any indication of the people involved in amateur radio, then I shall be speaking with friendly and outgoing hams!. 73.



THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INC.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT, U S A 06111

TO: ALL ARRL-AFFILIATED CLUBS

FROM: ARRL CLUB SERVICES DEPARTMENT

DATE: MAY 1, 1987

RE: AMATEUR RADIO FOR THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

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Summer will soon be upon us with a resulting decrease in club sponsored activities. Before you get into the vacation mode, however, we have a special announcement that might help spark interest in an on-the-air club operation this fall.

League HQ will be sponsoring a celebration of the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution by offering a special "We the People" W.A.S. award for operators contacting stations using the Bicentennial prefix. Club sponsored special event stations will have a different prefix than independent stations operating in the event. The enclosed calendar for special event stations will let you plan what time frame your state will be eligible to put the Bicentennial prefix on-the-air. Each state will have one week--as close as possible to the date of entry into the Union. ARRL-affiliated clubs are required to register their special event call signs with League HQ so we'll know what clubs plan to put a special event station on-the-air. A club special event registration form is enclosed with this Bicentennial package.

Operating a special event station is only one aspect of the celebration. Your club might also want to send a message through NTS signifying that all club members have read and ratified the Constitution. You could use a special ARRL-message number like "200." Pocket-sized Constitutions (up to 50) and a 1987 calendar are free upon request from the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

The celebration will kickoff on September 17, 1987 (date Constitution was approved by state delegates) with two special event stations in Philadelphia and Washington D.C. The special event activity will last until December 31, 1988, so you'll have to be on your toes to work a special event station in all 50 states. Check September QST for full details.

73,

Lee Hayford, AH2W
Club Services Department

OLD BUSINESS

THE BLURB
30 YEARS AGO
AUG. 1957

THE BLURB
15 YEARS AGO
AUG. 1972

The Communications truck will now sport a new DX-100 as part of its equipment. (Hey Rick, I know where you can get one fairly cheaply! --ed.) ... The Editor (PXY) is vacationing at Lake Gogibi, 100 miles south of Lake Superior ... W3IGW has found a place, near Reading, which puts on clam bakes - including chicken or lobster. Price \$5.00 per couple.

Field Day Club Aggregate Mobile

W3VXN	1917	W3DSG	612
W3NIP	1071	W3888	581
W3HQJ	1040	W3AJO	540
W3SAA	945	W3CNO	531
W3PNG	851	W3QQH	527
W3KNQ	824	W3SAI	486
W3PXY	770	W3MHR	472
W3YJM	743	W3PIT	392
W3IRS	675	W3DOU	351
W3WNC	635	W3QCV	342
W3UZF	621	W3YFV	306
W3UVL	621	W3FWL	108

W3VVS on a 3 week tour of northern U.S. including a visit to WA3KLR, son Tom, at Minot, N.D. ... W3DSG is now on 6 meter FM as well as 10m AM - mobile ... W3YHV is back from a camping trip at Maine's Hermit Island in Casco Bay.

The club didn't participate in Field Day this year ... Coverage of the repeater at W3TKQ is being discussed, since it does not provide a usable signal in the North Hills area. K3GNM proposed that a \$25 gift certificate be used to defray the expense of a new repeater antenna to be erected at the WFLN site.

Next meeting's program: 'QQH will give a talk on the Heathkit Calculator and his new digital clock.

Mid-month meeting and PICNIC at W3FUM's new QTH on beautiful Lake Lenape, in Mays Landing.

WHO SAYS THINGS HAVE CHANGED? K3UWO (August, 1972 BLURB)

Field Day Weekend

We had an excellent opportunity for Amateur Radio to justify its existence over the last weekend in June. In case any of the readers of this article were asleep, we had a major flood disaster in Pennsylvania.

Phil-Mont did quite a bit of excellent work with the Comm Bus at Pottstown. I checked into the Eastern Pennsylvania Emergency Net and learned that they were looking for some operators to man existing stations. This information was put on the 10-on-10 net on Sunday. Out of all the operators who checked in, not one volunteered to help out in this emergency.

This lack of a spirit of cooperation was very disappointing. Our club could have added another beautiful feather to its cap, but nobody was willing to give a few hours of their time to help others. I feel that this is a sad commentary on Phil-Mont and its members. Let us hope that when we are next asked, we will be ready to help.

run off of the regular DC bus in the van.)

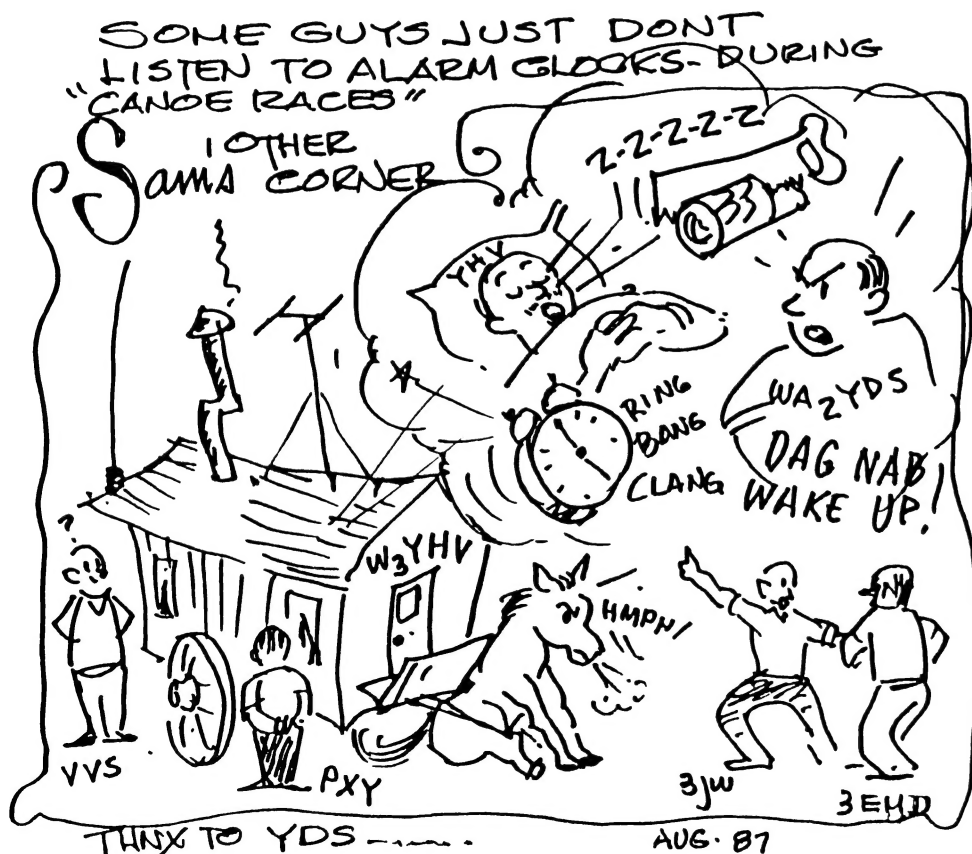
The next year we used a battery operated portable Zenith 171 (the same one that the IRS bought in quantity), but the LCD screen and the strange keyboard limited our enthusiasm for this lash up.

This year was a pleasure. My only hope is that someone soon will make a printer with dual voltage options. The current crop of battery operated printers is limited, at best. Many require special paper. I only hope that Paddlerama itself survives long enough to see these wished-for improvements.

To take the positive view: the fewer the canoes, the shorter the time spent. I guess the scouts' problems are no different than Phil-Mont's. We certainly had no excess of volunteers this year either.

Hugs and kisses to all the wonderful folks who helped to make our part of the affair a real success. Your calls are listed below for posterity!

KA3AMO; WB3AYA; W3888; WB38PI;
N3DHI; WA3EHD; W3IIM; W3IIN;
K83IV; W83JOU; K83JW; K3PHC;
KC3QB; W3SRU; W3VVS; WA2YDS;
W3YHV; W3YLT.



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CALENDER FOR SPECIAL EVENT CLUB STATIONS

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Each state will be assigned one week for special event participation between December 5, 1987 and December 30, 1988. Because this is the 200th year of the ratification of the U.S. Constitution, clubs can use "200" in the prefix of their special event callsigns during the assigned week of the state that they are in. For example, if your club callsign is W3UFD and your club is located in PA, your special event callsign during the week of December 12-18 would be W200UFD. If you don't have a club callsign, then choose a callsign from your club membership to use as a special event callsign during your club's assigned week in the celebration. In-district callsigns only may replace the numeral in their callsigns with "200". For example, Lee Hayford, AH2W, ARRL Club Program Manager, lives in Connecticut. Lee could not use his callsign for a Connecticut club's special event callsign because he doesn't have a "one-land" call. Where there is more than one state for the same week, they are in the same call district. Thus, the normal callsign can always be deciphered from the Bicentennial callsign.

The ARRL is requesting clubs to register their special event callsigns to give the FCC ready access for information about "200" callsigns. Because the "200" callsigns will vary from state to state each week, there is no easy way to identify what call area a station is in without pre-registering the callsigns. The ARRL Club Services Department will keep a current computer database of club special event Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution callsigns. Thanks for your help. Please complete the enclosed club registration form and return it to League HQ in the S.A.S.E. as soon as possible. Remember to check September QST for full details.

1987 DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	OCTOBER
5-11 DE	5-11 FL	4-10 NH	22-28 NV
12-18 PA	12-18 VT	11-17 AR	29-NOV 4 ND
19-25 NJ	12-18 ME	18-25 WV	29-NOV 4 SD
26-JAN 1 UT		26-JUL 1 VA	
1988 JANUARY	APRIL	JULY	NOVEMBER
2- 8 GA	23-29 MD	2- 8 ID	5-11 MT
2- 8 AK	30-MAY 6 LA	9-15 WY	5-11 WA
9-15 CT		23-29 NY	12-18 OK
16-22 NM	MAY	30-AUG 5 CO	19-25 NC
23-29 MI	7-13 MN		
30-FEB 5 KS	14-20 WI		
	21-27 RI		
	28-JUN 3 SC		
	28-JUN 3 KY		
	28-JUN 3 TN		
FEBRUARY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
6-12 MA	6-12 MO	3-9 CA	3- 9 IN
13-19 AZ	20-26 HI		3- 9 IL
13-19 OR			10-16 AL
20-26 MI			17-23 IA
27-MAR 4 OH			24-30 MS
			24-30 TX

OUR 21st YEAR! N3DHI & W3IIM

From the park bench at Tinicum Park in Bucks Co. we the members of Phil-Mont have done it again. It was a great weekend to hold a canoe race on the river and even though it got warm on Sunday, the computer operator and the radio operator (me) managed to survive the oppressive heat up on the hill. If you ask what happened to all the others, well they found a cool spot along the creek or they were able to dip their toes in the cool water. As for the race, it was a very fast one because of the river running much higher than in years past but the number of canoes had diminished to eleven. I must say that ALL the members of our club including assistants, did a superb job in reporting the facts of the race and getting correct data is important. Our communications on a simplex channel worked well both days but in place of simplex we had the use of W3OK on 146.700 and WA2GWA on 146.85. These repeaters provided excellent coverage when called upon to support the needs of the operation when all other means had failed. Once again the computer operator (W3IIM) did a marvelous job documenting the race using state of the art technology with a personal portable computer and wide carriage printer. This little goodie allows the Scouts and Phil-Monters access to race information at any time including when the first canoe will arrive at a particular changeover or gate. In fact, I am writing this portion of the article on the very same computer that was used to tabulate all of the data this weekend. By the way, the only problem we had this weekend was when the canoe ran out of gasoline for the motor and Brad W838PI plus Dave W83JOU had to paddle for the first time all day. It seems that the previous

crew planned it that way. That is all I have to say for the moment and I now turn the keyboard over to Jack (W3IIM) for additional comments. 73 for now and CUL N3DHI/K

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Hi, Jack here.

I couldn't resist passing the above on to our readers - unabridged. How often has anyone been pressed to write an article - one hour after arriving at the first air conditioned space in hours (the van's air conditioner failed to start ALL WEEKEND!)? He was first permitted to take a shower and grab a cool one --- or two. How many can say that they never saw water for the entire Paddlerama weekend? Life in those high places (1100 & 900 feet respectively) gets tedious folks! Fortunately there was a breeze blowing most of the time.

This year we had a state-of-the-art computer doing the calculations for the scouts. A battery portable (Zenith 183) with a 10 meg hard drive, 1- 3.5 inch floppy and 640 k memory; backlit, "supertwist" LCD 80x25 screen.

Since the A/C wasn't working in the Van, we decided to set up on a park bench at Tinicum Park for the final calculations. Unfortunately, we had to crank up the generator to get a printout for the Scouts, since the Epson LQ1000 printer still requires 115 vac.

It's interesting how the state-of-the-art has progressed these few years. The first year we used a standard IBM PC, powered by an inverter with a separate battery and charging system. (The hash was overpowering on the receivers when we tried to

"21st year" continued on page 12



*Sunday
30 Aug 87*

"Our Twenty-Eighth Anniversary Year"

9th ANNUAL HAMFEST

Bigger and Better Every Year at:

GLOUCESTER COUNTY 4H FAIRGROUNDS

Route 77, Mullica Hill, NJ

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TICKETS: \$3.50 In Advance—\$4.00 at Gate

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Please allow ample time to register prior to time of test.

ARRL APPROVED HAMFEST

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES!!

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS—SPECIAL PRIZES—CONTESTS

DOOR PRIZES THROUGHOUT DAY—MAIN PRIZE DRAWINGS

ATTENDANCE NOT REQUIRED TO WIN

1st Prize: Icom 735 Xceiver 2nd Prize: AEA PK232 TM

3rd Prize: 20 Amp Metered P.S. 4th Prize: Computer Software

Raffle Chances—\$1.00 for Yaesu 2 Meter or 220 Mhz. Handheld

FOR INFORMATION & ADVANCE TICKETS: G.C.A.R.C., P.O. Box 370, Pitman, N.J. 08071
Or Call: John Fisher K2JF (609) 589-2318 or Harry Spiece NJ2B (609) 728-7454
For a list of winners send written request with a SASE to GCARC c/o Hamfest Chairman

* UPDATE *

- AUG 3** General Meeting Program:
To be announced.
- Aug 16** Second Annual PHIL-MONT
PRESIDENTIAL SPLASHDOWN
- Aug 19** Mid-Month at W3IIM&N's

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- SEP 14** General Meeting Program:
To be announced.

- Sep 16** Mid-Month at W3PWG's

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- OCT 5** General Meeting Program:
To be announced.

- Oct 14** Mid-Month at K3PHC's

V.E TEST LOCATIONS from EPA FEEDLINE

BRYN MAWR
Aug. 15

Bob Haase, W3SA
(215) 293-1919

CENTER CITY

Aug. 3, Sep. 14, Oct. 5
Jake Kovalchek, AK2I
(215) 448-1139

COLMAR

Stu Silverstein, K3UEI
(215) 584-0775

LEVITTOWN

Aug. 4, Sep. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 5
Dave Heller, K3TX
(215) 736-3333

WARMINSTER

Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ
(215) 343-3494

HAMFESTS

We will print an ongoing schedule of Hamfests based on information received. Please help us keep our list current. If you don't see your favorite event listed here, it's because YOU didn't send it to W3IIM prior to the BLURB deadline!

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- Aug 9** MID-ATLANTIC ARC (MARC)

Bucks County Drive-In, Rt 611,
Warrington, PA 08:00-15:00
WB3ELA 147.06 146.52

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- Aug 15** PACS
Ham & Chip Flea Market

La Salle University parking lot,
09:00-13:00

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- Aug 30** GLOUCESTER COUNTY ARC

Gloucester County 4H Fairgrounds,
Rt 77, Mullica Hill, NJ
08:00-16:00 K2JF 147.18 146.52
V.E. TESTING

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- Sep 26-27** YORK HAMFEST
(no info available)

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- Oct 11** CUMBERLAND COUNTY ARS
(no info available)

SWAP 'N SHOP

3 element tribander - 10, 15, 20
meters, mfg by Wilson Systems.

3 section 30 foot tower and base
plate.

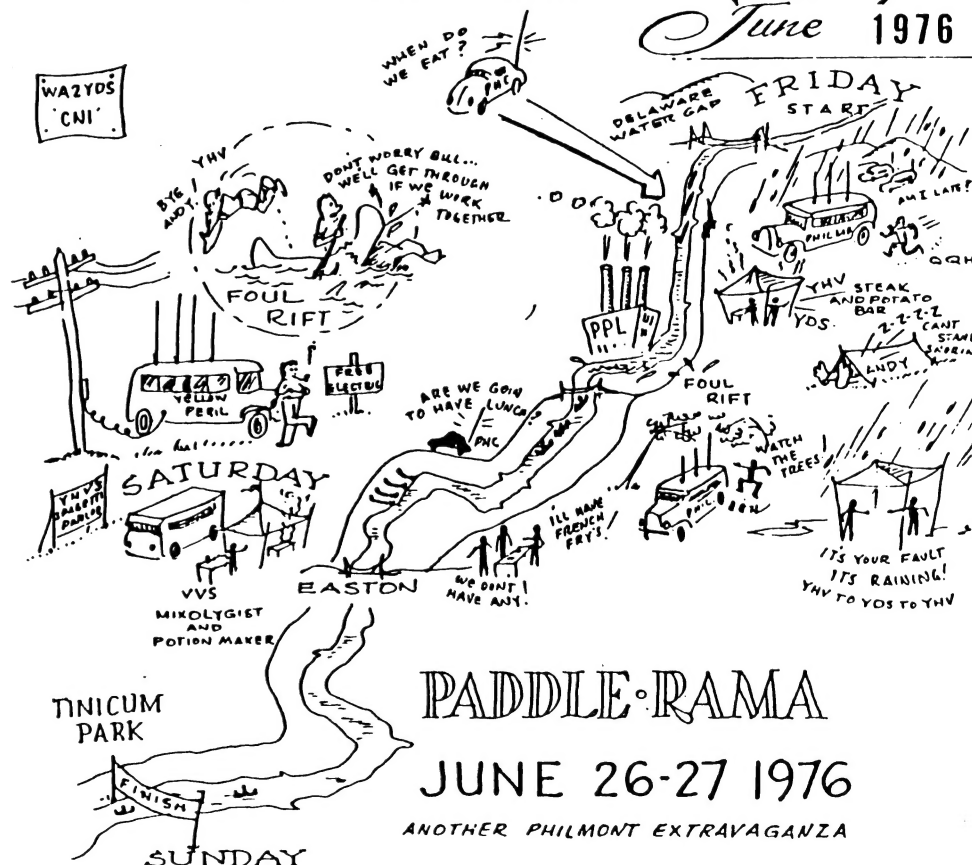
Chester Lesinski, K3EK
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THIS WILL NEVER BE
THE SAME AGAIN!



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Phil-Mont Calendar

1987

AUGUST

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 2m NCS W3SRU 10m NCS W3KDO 75m NCS W3PWG	3 GENERAL MEETING & LICENSE EXAMS (AK2I)	4 CODE PRACTICE NET as available	5 SWAP NET closed for the summer	6	7	8
9 2m NCS W3AWG 10m NCS WB3KAC 75m NCS W3AOA	10 <i>H. Hoover 1874</i>	11 CODE PRACTICE NET	12	13	14 <i>V.J. Day 1945</i>	15
16 2m NCS KB3IV 10m NCS 75m NCS W3RCE PRESIDENTIAL PICNIC & SPLASH	17	18 CODE PRACTICE NET	19 DIRECTORS' MEETING AT W3IIM&N's	20	21	22
23 2m NCS 10m NCS KB3QE 75m NCS AK2I	24	25 CODE PRACTICE NET	26	27 <i>Woman's Suffrage 1920</i>	28 <i>L.B.J. 1908</i>	29
30 2m NCS KA3BET 10m NCS WB3CMM 75m NCS W3H FY	31					